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"MAGNETIC HEAD AND MANUFACTURING METHOD

THEREFOR"

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

In the Specification

Please amend the title as follows:

--<u>A</u> METHOD OF MAKING A MAGNETIC HEAD AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF WITH FERRITE BETWEEN NONMAGNETIC PORTIONS AND A NONMAGNETIC GAP--

Please amend the paragraph following the heading "RELATED APPLICATION DATA" as follows:

--The present application is a divisional of United States Application Serial No. 10/119,472 filed April 10, 2002, now United States Patent 6.801,391, and claims priority to Japanese Application No. P2001-114969 filed April 13, 2001, both of which are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.--

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

A method for making There is provided a magnetic head formed with a pair of magnetic core halves fitted to abut on each other having a nonmagnetic gap therebetween and having a slide contact plane for slide contact with a magnetic recording medium on which an end face of the nonmagnetic gap and the magnetic core halves. In the magnetic headmethod, a nonmagnetic portion formed by filling a glass material is provided at an end portion of the slide contact plane outer other than the end face of the magnetic core halves on the slide contact plane. The inventive magnetic head realizes less volume of magnetic body while solving problems in mechanical strength of the magnetic head or in compatibility to a conventional head. Accordingly, a magnetic head with excellent head performance without decreasing productivity can be obtained.